

## D. C. RACING BILL REVENUE CITED

### Legalized Track Would Raise Money for City, House Group Told.

Legalized horse racing would benefit business in Washington, add about \$800,000 a year to the revenue of the municipal government, and end budget deficits in the future, proponents of the Sacks racing bill today told the Fiscal Affairs Subcommittee of the House District Committee.

Led by Malcolm S. McCoullie, chairman of the Democratic National Committee for the District, the bill's supporters promised its enactment would result in the construction of one of the best racing plants in the country and that it would be owned and operated largely by residents of Washington.

"We will make this an outstanding track," declared Mr. McCoullie. "It will be free of suspicion or any funny business some times associated with racing."

Mr. McCoullie also declared that Walter O'Hara, one-time operator of the now closed Narragansett track in Rhode Island, who was interested in establishing a racing plant in Washington several years ago, has no interest whatever in the present project.

Sportsmen Are Named.  
Names of a number of prominent sportsmen were mentioned by Mr. McCoullie as being interested in establishing a racing plant here. He also declared he had interviewed a number of District officials who favored the project. These included Commissioners Melvin C. Hansen and George E. Allen, Police Supt. Ernest W. Brown, United States Attorney David A. Pine and his immediate predecessor, Leslie C. Garnett.

W. C. Murphy, an attorney, told the subcommittee the Central Labor Union had endorsed the bill, and cited statistics showing the amount of work that would be provided for residents of the District in building and operating a racing plant, as well as the revenue it would produce for the District.

Based on a daily mutual play of \$350,000, Mr. Murphy said, the municipal government should expect a return of more than \$600,000 for a 54-day racing season. His figures included 1 per cent of the "take," a \$6,000 daily license fee, taxes, etc.

Mr. Murphy also laid stress on an argument that racing would not attract an undesirable element to Washington, and cited police statistics to show there was less crime here in the three years immediately preceding the abolition of racing in 1911 than afterward.

"Racing," he declared, "did not create crime."

Benjamin Jones, representing the District Federation of Business Men's Associations and the Georgetown Business Men's Association, said both these organizations favored legalized horse racing in Washington.

"It seems a shame," he said, "that so much money leaves the District to be played at the tracks in Maryland, West Virginia and Delaware."

Mr. Jones also said he believed the average person in the District favored legalized racing here, and pointed out that Washington is the only world capital that does not have its own racing.

"I don't care how long people live," he said, "they're going to get pleasure out of the sport of kings, and they will go where they can find it."

Representative Dirksen, Republican of Illinois, questioned Mr. McCoullie closely about whether an organization had been set up to build a track. Mr. McCoullie said no corporation had been formed.

Asked why Mr. O'Hara or any one else couldn't come in under the proposed law, the witness replied that Mr. Murphy held an option on the old Benning race track, "the only feasible site" and others had agreed to help finance the project.

Tells of Stock Offer.  
Mr. McCoullie said he had been approached by one man who wanted to take \$100,000 worth of stock.

"I told him he couldn't have that much," Mr. McCoullie added. "I don't think any one should have too much stock."

He said Mrs. John Hay Whitney and Mrs. Dodge Sloane had indicated they wanted to serve on the board of directors and to back the track financially.

Dr. Arthur Hoot, a physician, said he would help to regulate gambling in the District.

He added there was a tripod of activities, three factors in human nature, which no amount of legislation could possibly wipe out—the traffic in liquor, sex and gambling.

"You gentlemen can place Scotland Yard in control of Washington," Dr. Hoot said, "but it wouldn't make any difference. You can't legislate morals into people."

Dr. Hoot said since gambling could not be eradicated, it should be regulated.

"Legalized gambling in the District," he added, "and you'll convert a liability into an asset."

The racing bill also was endorsed by Mrs. Margaret Hopkins Worrell, representing the Columbia Heights Citizens' Association; Frank E. Jones, president of the Benning Citizens Association, and Miss Ella Taggart, president of the Washingtonians, whose membership, she said, is composed of a group of intellectual men and women.

"It would be to the best interests and to the welfare of the District to legalize racing," declared Miss Taggart. "It's mere camouflage not to have racing here when you would have a tremendous income to take care of the tax situation. Rich people can play the stock market. That's gambling. You can win or lose."

Seymour Fox, who built the Tropical Park track and another racing plant in Panama, gave his support to the bill.

Opponents of the measure will be heard when the hearing is resumed tomorrow at 10:30 a.m.

### VETERANS TO ORGANIZE

Foreign Wars Post to Be Formed in Fairfax County.

By a Staff Correspondent of The Star.

FALLS CHURCH, Va., March 26.—A Veterans of Foreign Wars post will be organized tomorrow night at a meeting Fairfax County veterans will hold at 8 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church in West Falls Church.

Capt. John F. Bethune said that officers of the Virginia Department and the eighth district will be present to assist with the organization.

## Sunday Morning Safety Sermon



Motorists and pedestrians alike had this real-life sermon for safer driving in Yonkers, N. Y., yesterday morning as they went to church—more telling than a thousand "drive carefully" posters and lectures. The passenger car and truck struck head on. Two occupants of the car were burned to death and could not be immediately identified. And it happened on a 75-foot highway. Copyright, A. P. Wirephoto.

## FRIEND SAVES BOY FROM DROWNING

### Youth, 14, Tells How Scout, 15, Prevented Tragedy on Canoe Ride.

A 14-year-old boy, with only a cold to show for his ducking in the Annapolis River yesterday, told today how his Boy Scout companion kept him from relaxing his grip on their capsize canoe by wincing and singing through chattering teeth for the longest three-quarters of an hour of their youth lives.

"I told him I couldn't keep it up any longer," George Watta said. "He kept saying, 'Keep your courage up, George. I hear a boat coming.'"

Allen Stager, Jr., 15, who stayed with his friend though he could have awoken ashore himself, smiled at George's enthusiasm.

"I know all those people there wouldn't let us drown," he declared. "The two boys told me they started to go to the movies in the afternoon. They changed their minds and rented a canoe, although George had only been paddling once before."

Near the Annapolis Bridge, a motor boat passed and sent the frail craft rocking in the waves. As they swung the canoe to ride churning water, waves from another boat sent them hurtling into the water.

"Before we knew it we were in the water," George said. "The boat kept turning over and I couldn't hold on to it."

Allen, who has had a few life-saving lessons, ordered the other boy to hang on to one end of the boat while he swam to the other. Scores of spectators on the bridge watched helplessly as the boys floated down the river.

The boys were near enough to the bridge to recognize friends watching them. Allen, to keep George's mind off the cold water and the gradual numbness that all but overcame them, waved to the spectators and yelled greetings. When George said he was going to "pass out" Allen swam over and hit him.

45-Minute Wait.  
For 45 minutes the boys clung to the turning canoe. Then, as they floated under the bridge, a life-saver was flung to them. George caught the first one, then Allen got one.

Five minutes later a launch from the Navy Yard picked them up. Unable to stand, George fainted, hitting his head on the side of the boat. He was revived by a sailor and the boys were taken to the Navy Yard for hot showers and coffee.

"I was afraid mother was going to spank me when I got home," George admitted, "but after the policeman told her he had fished us out of the river, she was too glad to see me for that."

It's school, as usual, for the boys today. George, who lives at 607 Pennsylvania avenue S.E., goes to Van Ness School, while Allen, whose home is at 109 Fourth street S.E., is a ninth-grade student at Hitt Junior High School.

### PALMISANO TACTICS SCORED BY PASTOR

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## JULIUS ENGELHART DIES; FORMER RESIDENT HERE

### Passed Away on Long Illness. Was Chief Designer for New York World's Fair.

Julius Engelhart, former Washington resident, died Saturday at his home in Richmond Hill, Long Island, according to word received here. At the time of his death he was chief designer, working under the chief architect for the coming New York World's Fair.

A native of Copenhagen, Denmark, Mr. Engelhart attended Copenhagen University. As a young man, he came to this country and served in the United States Army. He was stationed here during Army service and in 1897, married Miss Annie Young, a Washingtonian.

Mr. Engelhart is survived by his widow, a son, Capt. Carl Engelhart, Fort Monroe, Va.; a daughter, Mrs. Nelson Fris, Long Island, N. Y., and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held tonight at the Baptist Church at Richmond Hill. Burial will be at Richmond Hill.

## ILLNESS IS FATAL TO B. R. PARKER

### Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery Near Rockville to Follow Church Services.

ROCKVILLE, Md., March 26.—Following a long illness, Benjamin R. Parker, 70, died Saturday at his home near Rockville.

The funeral will take place from St. Mary's Catholic Church here at 9 a.m. tomorrow. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery near Rockville. The Rev. John J. Coady, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Before coming to Montgomery County 14 years ago, Mr. Parker was active in politics in Ohio, his native State, and for a number of years was recorder for Knox County. He was also prominent in Knights of Columbus activities in that State. Until his health failed several years ago he was active in the affairs of St. Mary's Catholic Church here.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Frances M. Parker, formerly a Miss Baker of Columbus, Ohio; three daughters, Mrs. Charles S. McCarthy and Mrs. Charles C. Tansill, both of Washington, and Mrs. Gilbert O. La Gorce of Hingham, Mass.; three sons, Raymond T. Parker, Washington, and James D. and Robert O. Parker, Rockville; two sisters, Mrs. Leo S. Durbin, Gathersburg, Md., and Mrs. Walter Hawk, Danville, Ohio, and a brother, Dr. John B. Parker, Washington.

## Congress in Brief

TODAY.  
Government reorganization—Senate takes final vote on administration bill.  
Army—House continues debate on War Department appropriation bill.  
Taxes—Senate committee continues revision of House-approved revenue bill.

TOMORROW.  
Navy—Senate committee begins consideration of billion-dollar naval program.  
Senate.  
Probably will take up State, Justice, Commerce and Labor appropriations bill.

Interrate Commerce Subcommittee, hearing on railroad investigation, 10:30 a.m.  
Education and Labor Committee, executive, on labor provisions of the merchant marine bill, 10:30 a.m.

Continues consideration of military appropriation bill.  
Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee considers fishing bill, 10 a.m.  
Interrate and Foreign Commerce Committee considers Lee bill on civil aeronautics, 10 a.m.  
Patents Committee considers miscellaneous bill, 10 a.m.  
Judiciary Subcommittee of District Committee resumes hearing on racing bill, 10:30 a.m.

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In fact, there are even some places in and near the Capital, where—

America isn't a geographical name.

Angels live in houses.

Apples don't grow on trees.

April isn't a month.

Bees are neither fish nor necessarily sting that way.

Beavers aren't animals.

Bees neither make honey nor sting.

Bones and Cages aren't well, aren't boxes and cages.

Cash isn't currency.

## PRESIDENT EYES SILVER REACTION

### Roosevelt in Close Touch With Capital—Message to Congress in Doubt.

By the Associated Press.  
WARM SPRINGS, Ga., March 26.—President Roosevelt kept an eye on the Nation's financial barometer today following announcement by Secretary Morgenthau in Washington that the United States would discontinue until further notice purchase of silver from Mexico.

Temporary White House officials reported the Chief Executive was as closely in communication with foreign and domestic happenings as though he were in Washington. If he has any immediate plans in mind to help stimulate business, other than those already announced in the National Capital, officials are keeping silent on them.

He is awaiting the opinions of several Washington authorities before taking any action on recommendations of his special committee to help de-ridden railroads. It still is uncertain whether he will have a message to Congress on this before he starts back to Washington the end of the week.

He arranged a schedule for his fifth full day here to perfect an automobile outing with Mrs. Roosevelt, who re-joined him late yesterday after a transcontinental airplane-auto journey.

Accompanied by her secretary, Mrs. Malvina Schneider, the First Lady arrived by auto from Atlanta in time for supper at the President's cottage on Pine Mountain.

Elliott, second son of the Roosevelts, also was due here yesterday en route from his home in Fort Worth, Tex., to New York, but he telephoned that all planes had been grounded and he would defer his trip until late in the week.

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## CHERRY BLOSSOM CROWDS CONTINUE

### Blooms Expected to Draw Large Throngs for Week. 183,000 Out Yesterday.

(Pictures on page B-1.)

A week of gradually diminishing cherry blossom splendor lay ahead of Washingtonians and visiting sightseers today as the Tidal Basin area continued to attract thousands of spectators.

The forecast of fair weather all day and somewhat warmer temperatures tonight indicated a continuously heavy turnout for the annual display of the Japanese blossoms.

For tomorrow the weather man's word was cloudy and warmer, followed by showers. Should the expected showers arrive ahead of schedule, tonight's fireworks exhibition scheduled for 8:30 o'clock will be deferred until tomorrow night.

Each year the blossoms of cherry trees given to Washington by Japan burst forth in bloom for 10 days. Officials of National Capital Parks estimated the unrivaled scenery will remain throughout the week, but with nothing left next Sunday comparable to yesterday's beauty.

Crowd Estimated at 183,000.  
The largest crowd of the year, an estimated 183,000 persons in automobiles and on foot, came yesterday to see and to photograph the short-lived show.

Automobiles formed an unbroken ring around the Basin, the Lincoln Memorial and through other traffic arteries in Potomac Park. An augmented force of Park and Metropolitan Police spent an endlessly busy day coping with District residents, suburbanites and sightseers from many States.

Park Police estimated the Sunday spray of about 18,000 automobiles and 75,000 pedestrians, averaging four persons to a car, this accounts for the 183,000 estimate, approximately 30,000 under the all-time record crowd of 213,000 on Sunday, April 11, last year. There were 165,000 visitors on the second "blossom day," April 18, last year.

The figures of 37,085 cars and 65,000 pedestrians in last year's blossom show indicate that about 10,000 Washingtonians heeded the advice of the police and left their automobiles at home. The other greatly visible means of transportation through the blossom area was the bicycle, single and tandem.

Blossom petals were spread over lawn and roadway by intermittent spring breezes, and everywhere cameras, ranging from the simplest and cheapest to the latest and most expensive, were clicking at the pale pink of the cherry trees, at friends, children, lovers and the camera men.

Popular subjects were dogs with their owners, men puffing their pipes, amid the scenery, and babies under—and even perched in—the cherry trees.

While the blossoms were drawing a mass of humanity, the National Zoological Park was another center of attraction for the day, drawing an estimated 60,000 men, women and children to see the latest additions to the expanding animal kingdom.

Crowds also visited the 25th annual amaryllis show at the Department of Agriculture greenhouses, Fourteenth street and Constitution avenue. Here 1,200 bulbs were on display, earlier than had been anticipated this season. It will remain open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day through April 26.

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## Botanic Garden's Flower Show Added Attraction for Visitors

The most intensively developed garden plot in the District presents in untidy rows a variety of flowers in bloom this week as an added delight for the thousands of visitors here to see the more famed Japanese cherry blossoms.

This area, a criterion for all the public parks, is the Botanic Garden's front yard, just south of the exhibition conservatory of the garden, at the foot of Capitol Hill in the triangle between First and Canal streets and Independence avenue.

By actual count there are now 5,000 hyacinths, 20,000 tulips, 3,000 pansies and 12,000 Alpine plants in the rock garden in bloom, making a veritable floral carpet. There also are a wide variety of ground phlox, 10 varieties of iris, 10 seedling types of tulips and 10 botanical types of tulips. Scores of members of Congress visit this garden daily and the public visit it in larger numbers than any other garden—from 800 to 6,000 visitors a day.

Already in full bud are some 40 varieties of iris, covering the entire range from dwarf to the German type, including Japanese and Canadian, which will be blooming within a week or 10 days. There are all varieties of candy tuft and sweet alyssum, several varieties of wisteria and many types of horvaceous perennials.

William A. Frederick, landscape artist in charge of the Capitol Grounds, said this outdoor flower show will continue to grow more interesting daily, because the blossoms that now will be followed by some 20 varieties of hard-type lilies, petunias, phlox, lantanas, cupheas, vincas in variety, sage in variety, canna in variety, anemones, geraniums in variety, scabiosa, geraniums, abutilum and anemones.

This relatively small area, intensively developed, is in fact a museum of seasonal blooms in sufficiently large quantities, so as to attract attention for massed beauty.

In addition to the outdoor display there also is within doors in the conservatory a spring flower show of anemones, rhododendrons, cinerarias, hyacinths, tulips, narcissus, jonquils, daffodils, frezias and all other seasonal blooms.

### 'LEGAL LOTTERIES' COURT FIGHT LOST

### Appellate Tribunal Holds Injunction Plea Should Be Dismissed.

The legal fight by Mrs. Oliver Harriman's National Conference on Legalizing Lotteries, Inc., to enjoin Postmaster General Farley from enforcing a fraud order issued against the conference April 28, 1936, in connection with a Nation-wide contest, failed today in the United States Court of Appeals.

In an opinion written by Chief Justice Lawrence Groner the court affirmed Trial Justice Daniel W. O'Donoghue's decision a year ago that the injunction suit should be dismissed.

Sitting that there was no evidence that the Post Office Department acted arbitrarily in determining that the contest, "Selection Sweepstakes," was a lottery, the appellate court said it was plain that success in the contest depended almost wholly on chance.

After a long hearing in 1936 the Post Office Department issued the order in question, instructing the postmaster at New York to seize mail addressed to the National Conference on Legalizing Lotteries, and to return it to the sender with the words "fraudulent" written on the outside of the envelope. The contest was in full swing when this was done, and close to 120,000 persons had entered. It was estimated.

Sentiment for Lotteries.  
The purpose of the contest, presumably to further the conference's aim to provide sentiment for legalizing lotteries as a means of raising money for public projects.

The advertisement of the contest set out 16 possible uses for money obtained from lotteries, such as charities, hospitals, social service, and for the relief of unemployment, relief, soldiers' bonuses, municipal deficits and others. The problem was to list the 16 given uses in the proper order with respect to their importance. Each participant was required to insert \$1 membership fee with his list.

The contest was to receive a prize of \$20,000, the second best list, \$10,000, and so on, with a total of 285 prizes, 250 of which were for \$50 each.

Justice Groner stated in his opinion that "the awarding of the prize will depend on the judges' selection of the prize list in accordance with their arbitrary views and without definite and fixed rules of reason."

Even conceding the integrity of the judges and the fixing by them of some common ground of primacy, it is nevertheless obvious that whatever ground of certainty is attained must be of an inescapable element of chance.